National Exercise Program

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National Exercise Program

- Mission:
  - *The National Exercise Program provides emergency responders and homeland security officials at all levels of government the opportunity to train and exercise together in order to assess and improve the Nation's preparedness*

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Programs and Initiatives

- TOPOFF Exercise Series
- Direct Support Exercise Program
- Senior Officials Exercise Series (SOE)
- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)
- Corrective Action Program (CAP)
  - Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS)
  - After Action Review / Improvement Plan (AAR-IP)

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Exercise Synchronization

The Road Ahead

- Finalize National Exercise Program (NEP)
- Katrina After Action Report
  - Office of Training, Exercises, and Lessons Learned (TELL)
  - National Training and Exercise Center (N-TEC)

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Implementing the National Preparedness Goal

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National Preparedness Goal

- **The goal provides guidance for achieving and sustaining the levels of capability we need as a nation**
  - **Called for in HSPD-8**
  - **Interim Goal released March 31**
  - **Final Goal currently awaiting release to integrated lessons from Hurricane Katrina response**
- **The goal is a catalyst for strengthening commitment to preparedness across all levels of government and the private sector**
  - **Drawing on the best thinking already in place across the country**
  - **Aligning multiple programs within a common framework**

Development: Collaboration and Consensus

DHS used a consensus of the community approach to development of the goal and the target capabilities that included active involvement by:

- **Federal agencies including HHS, USDA, FEMA, DoD and the U.S. Coast Guard joined DHS in shaping the Goal and developing the Target Capabilities List**
- **100+ national associations participated in goal review and TCL development**
- **States, local jurisdictions, private sector provided input**
- **55 States and Territories provided candid feedback during Mobile Implementation Training Team visits**

The National Preparedness Goal

"To achieve and sustain *risk-based target levels of capability* to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from major events, and to minimize their impact on lives, property, and the economy, through systematic and prioritized efforts by Federal, State, local and tribal entities, their private and non-governmental partners, and the general public."

National Priorities Identified in Goal

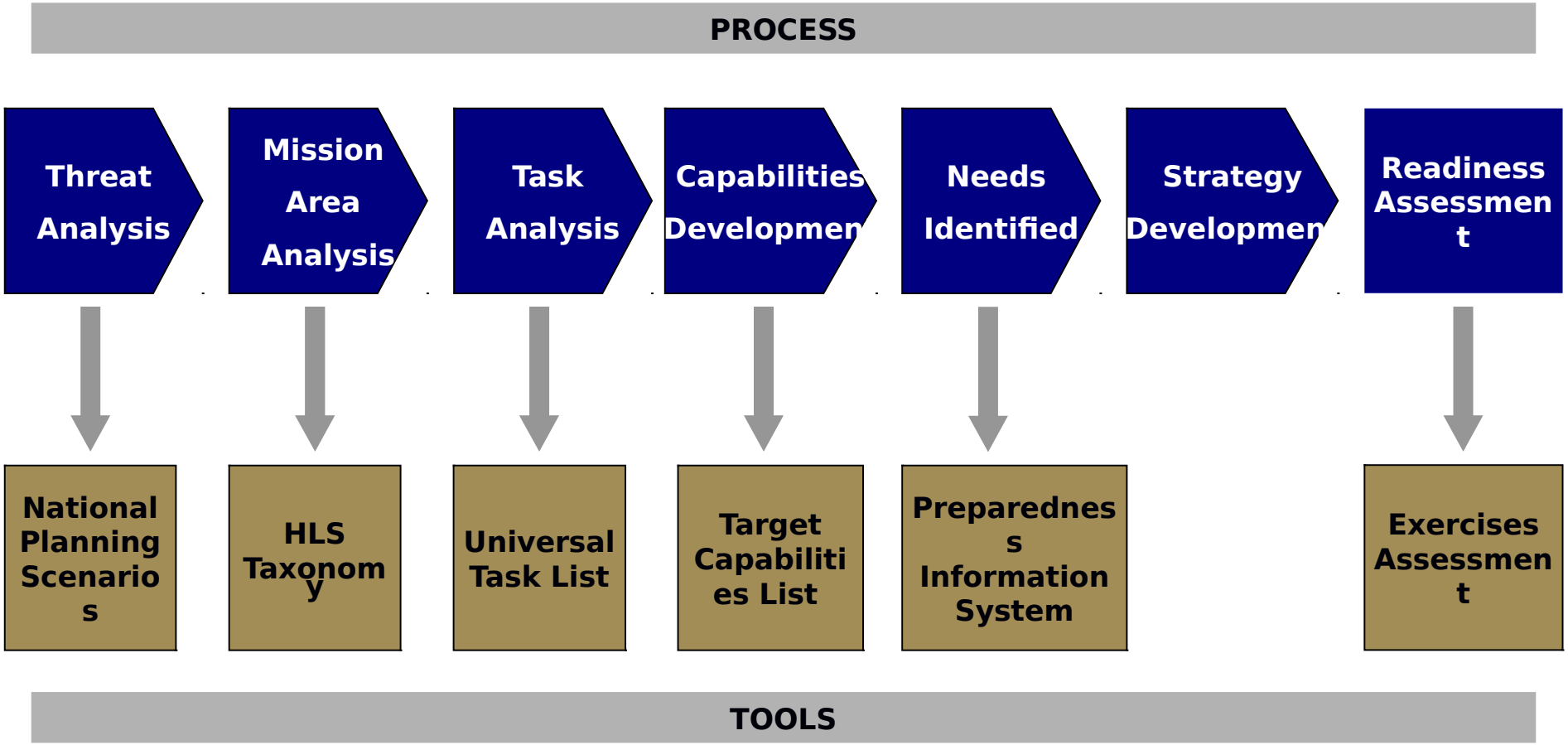
Overarching Priorities

- Implement the NRP and NIMS
- Expand Regional Collaboration
- Implement the NIPP

Capability-Specific Priorities

- Strengthen Information-Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities
- Strengthen Interoperable Communications Capabilities
- Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response, and Decontamination Capabilities
- Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis Capabilities
- Strengthen Emergency Operations Planning and Citizen Protection

Capabilities Planning Process and Tools



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National Planning Scenarios

- **Scenario 1: Nuclear Detonation – Improvised Nuclear Device**
- **Scenario 2: Biological Attack – Aerosol Anthrax**
- **Scenario 3: Biological Disease Outbreak – Pandemic Influenza**
- **Scenario 4: Biological Attack – Pneumonic Plague**
- **Scenario 5: Chemical Attack – Blister Agent**
- **Scenario 6: Chemical Attack – Toxic Industrial Chemicals**
- **Scenario 7: Chemical Attack – Nerve Agent**
- **Scenario 8: Chemical Attack – Chlorine Tank Explosion**
- **Scenario 9: Natural Disaster – Major Earthquake**
- **Scenario 10: Natural Disaster – Major Hurricane**
- **Scenario 11: Radiological Attack – Radiological Dispersal Devices**
- **Scenario 12: Explosives Attack – Improvised Explosive Device**
- **Scenario 13: Biological Attack – Food Contamination**
- **Scenario 14: Biological Attack – Foreign Animal Disease**
- **Scenario 15: Cyber Attack**

Universal Task List

The Universal Task List (UTL) helps us answer the question: What do we need to do to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats?

The UTL

- **Identifies tasks that must be performed**
- **Defines task interdependence and interrelationship**
- **Does NOT address how or who performs task**
- **Provides common language and reference**
- **Approximately 3000 tasks**

Target Capabilities List

The Target Capabilities List (TCL)

- **Defines preparedness**
- **Defines capabilities required to achieve the four homeland security missions: Prevent, Protect, Respond, and Recover**
- **Provides the basis for assessing preparedness and to improve decisions related to preparedness investments and strategies**
- **Defines capabilities and national targets to prepare the Nation for major all-hazards events such as those defined by the National Planning Scenarios**
- **Assumes shared responsibility for preparedness across local, tribal, State, and Federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, the private sector, and citizens**

The Target Capabilities List

Common

- Planning
- Communications
- Risk Management
- Community Preparedness and Participation

Prevent Mission Area

- Information Gathering and Recognition of Indicators and Warnings
- Intelligence Analysis and Production
- Intelligence/Information Sharing and Dissemination
- Law Enforcement Investigation and Operations
- CBRNE Detection

Protect Mission Area

- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Food and Agriculture Safety and Defense
- Epidemiological Surveillance and Investigation
- Public Health Laboratory Testing

Respond Mission Area

- Onsite Incident Management
- Emergency Operations Center Management
- Critical Resource Logistics and Distribution
- Volunteer Management and Donations
- Responder Safety and Health

Respond Mission Area (cont)

- Public Safety and Security Response
- Animal Health Emergency Support
- Environmental Health
- Explosive Device Response Operations
- Firefighting Operations/Support
- WMD/Hazardous Materials Response and Decontamination
- Citizen Protection: Evacuation and/or In-Place Protection
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Urban Search and Rescue
- Emergency Public Information and Warning
- Triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment
- Medical Surge
- Medical Supplies Management and Distribution
- Mass Prophylaxis
- Mass Care (Sheltering, Feeding, and Related Services)
- Fatality Management

Recover Mission Area

- Structural Damage and Mitigation Assessment
- Restoration of Lifelines
- Economic and Community Recovery

Coordination Between DHS and DoD

DHS and DoD are working together under the TIM2 Initiative to:

- Crosswalk and synchronize the DHS UTL and the DoD UJTL
- Crosswalk and synchronize the DHS TCL and the DoD JCAs
- Adopt a common lexicon where appropriate and/or crosswalk
- Discuss DoD's role in support of DHS homeland security mission as well as DHS support to DoD homeland defense mission

National Exercise Schedule (NEXS)

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National Exercise Schedule (NEXS)

- Compilation of all National-Level, Federal, State, and local exercises
- Provides a platform to coordinate exercise programs across federal, state, and local governments and relevant private sector entities
- Management tool and reference document for exercise planning
- Enables visibility of exercises to planners and leadership and provides opportunities for de-confliction and synchronization

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NEXS Working Group

- Met in July 05 (DHS only), Sept 05 (DHS and States), Dec 05 (DHS and States)
- Addressed roles, responsibilities, data fields/terminology, and processes leading up to development of an enhanced scheduling tool
- Feb 06 expanded to include Interagency

  - Prep for beta-test of enhanced tool

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NEXS Tool Rollout Timeline

14 Feb	NEXS Working Group (Interagency)
20-24 Feb	WebEX/Beta test begins (Spiral 1)
18/19 April	WebEX/Beta testing
15-18 May	Training and Exercise Conference (Demo Spiral 1)
5 June	WebEX/Beta testing (Spiral 2)
15 June	NEXS Conference (Demo Spiral 2)
July	Rollout and National Deployment

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NEXS Tool Characteristics

- Enhanced visibility, de-confliction, and synchronization of exercises using capabilities-based planning (TCL/UTL)
- Developed with feedback from Interagency, DHS, and State and local partners
- User-friendly tool; web-based interface
- Accessed through HSEEP Homepage
- Allows delegation of exercise scheduling data entry; control and responsibility remains in hands of SAAs and designated Federal agency representatives

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NEXS Tool Characteristics (Cont.)

- Enhanced reporting and graphical representation of scheduling; real-time reports
- Data fields and terminology consistent with HSEEP and other G&T processes and tools
- Eventual integration with HSEEP Toolkit, After Action Reporting/Improvement Planning Tool, TCL/UTL Database
- Consistent interface and eventual one-time log-in to these tools; data consistency and sharing among these tools
- Potential integration with other systems

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NEXS Conference

- Annual national event for de-confliction and synchronization of National Level Exercises
- 15 Jun 06

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Questions?

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